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FRIENDS OF THE NIPOMO LIBRARY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Successful year recapped at annual meeting

The Friends of the Nipomo Library

"continues to be a strong organization," reported Co-President Helen Kanda at the annual meeting Dec. 13. She thanked the board, volunteers, and members, "without whose help we could not have supported the library in 2023." Volunteer efforts added up to more than 900 hours through October. She also singled out our organization's new website and increased presence on eBay, and introduced the incoming board, which includes brand-new members Lynda Flynn and Anna Zucker.

Book sales (including on eBay) interest rates on savings, memberships, and donations are what fund the Friends, and the 2024 budget includes nearly \$10,000 for the Nipomo Library, Treasurer Bill Palmer

announced. These funds will augment the county budget for things such as:

- Magazine and newspaper subscriptions
- Books and DVDs
- Programs for children, teens, and adults
- Summer Reading Challenge and kickoff party
- End of Summer Ice Cream Social
- Kids' Craft Corner supplies
- Grab & Go craft supplies
- Tale Trail

One new budget item is Books by Mail to provide materials to homebound patrons; Bill also pointed out that our contribution to the library's magazine and newspaper subscriptions will increase by 60 percent in 2024.

Manager's Message

**From Heidi LoCascio
Library Branch Manager**

Happy New Year 2024! I hope you found some good cheer over the holidays.

New for this year is a special Kids Day at the Library. Once a month we will have a program, craft, or activity for school-aged children. January's event will be a Pokémon party including games, prizes, card trading, and snacks. The party will take place on Thursday, Jan. 11, from 2-3:30pm.

Have you ever wanted to learn how to crochet? Register for our four lessons beginning Wednesday, Jan. 17, at 1:30pm. The lessons will include personal instruction and time to practice. Nipomo Library has free yarn to use for the project you select. It's a new year. Come and learn a new skill!

Looking ahead, make sure to mark your calendars for a series of gardening programs from February through May. The February program will be *Gardening with Succulents* presented by a local UC Master Gardener.

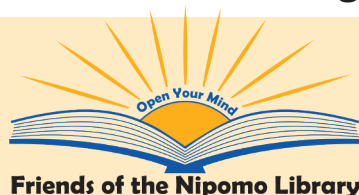
In this coming year we will
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The 2024 Friends budget includes funds for:



THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED JANUARY 2-5 for parking lot repaving. Please wait till Jan. 6 or later to return books (no late fees) or drop off donations.

Note: Our board meeting time will change to 1:30pm in February



The Friends of the Nipomo Library Board's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 10, at 2pm. The meeting will be held in the Community Room at the library, 918 W. Tefft St., Nipomo. The public is always welcome.

www.friendsofnipomolibrary.org

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What's Happening at your library

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

for ages 0-5

Wednesdays, 10:30-11am

No storytime on Jan. 3

READING TO ROVER

Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30pm

No Reading to Rover on Jan. 3 or 10

LEGO CLUB for ages 5-12

Sat., Jan. 6, 2-3pm



POKEMON TRADING PARTY

for ages 5-12

Thurs., Jan. 11, 2-3:30pm

Join us for Kids Day at the Library with games, crafts, card trading, prizes, and snacks. Bring your Pokémon cards to show and/or trade.

BEGINNING CROCHET

Wednesdays, Jan. 17-Feb. 7

1:30-3:30pm

Crochet hook and yarn will be provided for introduction and practice; a great opportunity for one-on-one instruction. Please register.

CHESS CLUB for all ages/levels

Fri., Jan. 19, 2-3pm

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

for adults

Tues., Jan. 23, 10-11am

Coastal Dunes Branch of the California Writers Club (CWC)

Sat., Jan. 13, 10:30am-12:30pm

Reading by California Poet Laureate Lee Herrick

www.coastaldunescwc.com



Wanted: Large paper grocery bags!

The Friends are in need of large kraft-paper grocery bags—the kind with handles—to use at our book sales.

Please drop off your bags to the library service desk. We are also grateful for any books and magazines you donate to raise funds for library materials and services.

MANAGER'S MESSAGE

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continue to host the Lego Club for kids, the Chess Club for adults and children, and the book discussion group for adults. I hope you have made participating in library events part of your New Year's resolutions.

See you at the library!

Library Details

**The Nipomo Library is located at:
918 W. Tefft St., Nipomo 93444**

**Branch Manager: Heidi LoCascio
Information: 805-929-3994**

www.slolibrary.org

Hours:

Tuesday 10am-6pm

Wednesday 10am-6pm

Thursday 9am-5pm

Friday 1-5pm

Saturday 9am-5pm

**PLEASE NOTE: The library
will be closed Jan. 2-5 for
parking lot repaving. It will
reopen Jan. 6.**

Friends' window features dolls, books

"Dolls and Their Books" is the theme of our January window in the library lobby, thanks to the Cuesta Doll and Study Club. You'll see a variety of dolls and related books—antique to modern day—furnished by club members for patrons of all ages to relate to and enjoy.

The club, which was established in 1978, encompasses the 5 Cities area and is affiliated with the United Federation of Doll Clubs and the South County Historical Society. Its focus is on the study, history, artistry, and collecting of dolls of all ages and year-round fundraising for various charities, including local food banks and shelters. Meetings are held monthly in Arroyo Grande and include educational programs on specific doll topics.



Friends of the Nipomo Library

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